

# Arts QUEST

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## What's happening in Redmond Arts?

### Meet the Commissioners

For this issue of Focus, we are devoting our regular "Meet the Commissioners" column to welcoming three new commissioners. City Council confirmed the appointments of Katie Innes, Abbott Smith, and Yvette Kirby Waters to the Redmond Arts Commission on July 20.

Katie Innes was a curator at the Eastside Heritage Center and worked in the collections department at the Experience Music Project. Her primary interests are visual arts, dance and arts education.

Abbott Smith is Chair of the Art Department at Digipen Institute of Technology. Abbott comes to us with a broad background in arts: his interests include arts education, public art, theater and commercial design.

Yvette Kirby Waters spends her free time working as a stage and production manager for local theater companies, including Wooden O Theatre (which produces Shakespeare in the Parks each

summer) and Redmond's own SecondStory Repertory. Yvette is interested in theater arts education, theatrical facilities, independent filmmaking, and written projects such as playwriting and screenwriting.

The Redmond Arts Commission also bids farewell and a big thank you to departing commissioners Kate Cochran, Rebecca LaBrunerie, and Una McAlinden.

Kate Cochran served as interim Chair of the Arts Education Committee. She worked with City staff to develop a strategy for updating the City's long-term cultural plan.



Katie Innes and Yvette Kirby Waters  
(Abbott Smith not pictured)

### 2004-05 Outdoor Sculpture Opening

Join us at Redmond Town Center, the Redmond Regional Library and Luke McRedmond Landing to view the work of 14 artists. This year's exhibit will feature work by Don Anderson, Sherry Buckner, Lance Carleton, Ken Eliassen, Shirley Erickson, Pam Hom, Thor Myhre, Jere Mondau, Julian Voss-Andreae, Leon White and Brandon Zebold. There will be a formal opening for the exhibit with artists in attendance on September 18 at 9 am at Redmond Town Center.

Look for an exhibit flyer in public buildings and at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center. Sponsored by the Redmond Arts Commission and Parks and Recreation Department, Redmond Town Center and Redmond Regional Library. Information: [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov) or call 425-556-2316.

Rebecca LaBrunerie was Chair of the Arts Commission in 2003-04. In addition, she worked with the Redmond Association of Spokenword (RASPS) to produce Write Out Loud!, Redmond's annual literary arts festival. Rebecca also wrote articles and book reviews for Art Quest.

While on the Arts Commission, Una McAlinden served as Co-Chair of the Arts Education Committee. She was one of the leaders of the award-winning Arts Education Project, Arts into Literacy, which developed visual arts lessons for kindergarten through sixth grades in Lake Washington School District.

Thank you again to these three dedicated citizens for their outstanding contributions to the Redmond Arts Commission.

## 2004 Redmond Volunteer Arts Awards recipients

Awards were presented on June 15 at Redmond Arts Day to Arriba Stature, Michael Riggs and the Old Fire House Teen Center Art Volunteers. The awards – ceramic bowls – were created by Redmond Artist Doe Stahr

## Volunteer Opportunity

The Redmond Arts Commission is seeking volunteers to help with the Outdoor Sculpture Garden (OSG) Committee. This Committee will meet to review and select the artists for the OSG. You do not need to be a resident of Redmond to join. Contact Kay Tarapolsi at [redmondgarden@hotmail.com](mailto:redmondgarden@hotmail.com) or 425-556-2150.

## Art Dedications

### New artwork dedicated at Perrigo Park

Artists Elizabeth Conner and Glenn Herlihy have completed new artwork for Perrigo Community Park, 9011 196th Avenue NE. Elizabeth Conner of Vashon Island has been the Art Project Manager and design team artist since 2002 and worked with park architect

Bruce Dees to develop the concept for the art project. In fall 2003, Glenn Herlihy was brought on board to create the cast concrete objects attached to the park's fencing. These concrete forms – or "artifacts" – relate to the flora, fauna and activities that take place at the park. Many thanks to these two artists for creating such a whimsical and colorful art project for Redmond's newest community park. For more information about the artwork, visit [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov) for information or call 425-556-2316.

**Firefighters's Bench Dedication Saturday, October 9, 1 pm**  
A public dedication of an art bench



by Michele Van Slyke will be held at the new Firefighter's Plaza in front of the main Fire Department headquarters at the corner of NE 85th Street and 161st Avenue NE. Funding for the bench was provided by the Redmond Rotary Club and the Redmond Parks and Recreation Department. For more information about the dedication, visit [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov) or call 425-556-2316.

## Other Arts Events

### 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Booking Conference

Designed as a professional development opportunity for performing arts presenters, artists, agents and management, the Northwest Booking Conference from October 18-21 will include extensive performance showcases, keynote addresses, workshops, a packed exhibit hall and more. The event will take place at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. For more information, contact Arts Northwest at 360-457-9290 or [artsnw@olympus.net](mailto:artsnw@olympus.net), or visit the web site at [www.artsnw.org](http://www.artsnw.org).

## ORSCC Gallery

### Upcoming exhibits at Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center

**Aug. 7 - Oct. 1:** Richard Armstrong  
**Oct. 2 - Dec. 2:** Cathy Fields and Amy Bouse

All artwork is for sale. Visit [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov) for more information.

